

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities of El Paso and Juarez value the shared history, culture and economy enjoyed by the people on both sides of the international border;

WHEREAS, cross-border commerce and the ability to move people, freight and consumer goods in safe, secure and efficient means is essential for the economic well being of the region;

WHEREAS, enhanced international rail systems for passengers and freight that utilize modern technology should be explored as a means to improve cross-border transportation;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso and the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico have committed to working together to explore the possibility of extending the New Mexico Rail Runner commuter rail service to El Paso;

WHEREAS, the Governors of the states of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado have pledged their support for the creation of a high-speed rail corridor from El Paso to Denver;

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council has requested that the sponsors of the high-speed rail project consider extending the service into Mexico; and

WHEREAS, community leaders in the El Paso/Juarez Borderplex understand that any feasibility study regarding proposed rail systems in the area must include information regarding the Juarez population and the manner in which the economy of the region is structured.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City of El Paso and Cuidad Juarez will continue to work together to explore the possibility of acquiring rail right-of-way or access to tracks on both sides of the border to create a commuter rail system utilizing state-of-the-art technology for secure and efficient border crossings; and

2. That the City of El Paso and Cuidad Juarez support the creation of a high-speed rail corridor with service from Chihuahua, Mexico to Denver, Colorado and will seek the support of their respective state and federal governments and provide information as needed for the feasibility studies.

Adopted the ____ day of _____ 2009.

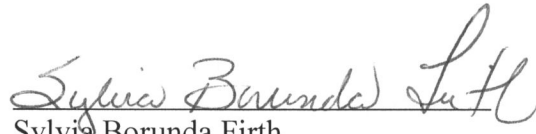
CITY OF EL PASO

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